

**Key Existing FCC/DTV Timeline
Related to Technical Matters
*April 25, 2005***

November 5, 2005	Channel Election Milestone at FCC: Stations filed pre-election certification forms with FCC re: replication/maximization
February 10, 2005	Channel Election Milestone at FCC: Round 1 elections (<i>stations with at least one in-core channel elected</i>) (<i>previously scheduled for December 2004, postponed until January 27, 2005</i> <i>and then February 10, 2005</i>)
February 2005	Channel Election Milestone at FCC: Interference analysis based on round 1 elections was slated for completion (<i>Missed deadline – not completed as of above date</i>)
April 2005	Channel Election Milestone at FCC: Stations slated to file in response to round 1 conflict decisions
July 1, 2005	Broadcast flag – products built with DTV tuners must comply with broadcast flag requirements (<i>Broadcast flag rules under legal challenge at DC Circuit</i> <i>with oral arguments held on February 22nd</i>) Digital tuner mandate – 100% of televisions 36 inches or larger and 50% of televisions between 25 and 36 inches must contain a digital tuner (<i>FCC</i> <i>considering postponing this date at request of consumer electronics</i> <i>manufacturers</i>) FCC Replication/Maximization Deadline: Use-it-or-lose-it deadline for Big 4 affiliates in top 100 markets (<i>must</i> <i>construct full-authorized facilities, except those stations with a tentative</i> <i>DTV channel assignment, which is not where the station digital facility is</i> <i>located – these stations must serve at least 100% of viewers from the 1997</i> <i>replication facility</i>)
July 2005	Channel Election Milestone at FCC: Round 2 elections (<i>stations with two out-of-core stations or those treated like</i> <i>them</i>)
September 2005	Channel Election Milestone at FCC: Interference analysis based on round 2 elections
November 2005	Channel Election Milestone at FCC: Stations slated to file in response to round 2 conflict decisions
January 2006	Channel Election Milestone at FCC: Remaining stations elect final DTV channel
July 1, 2006	Digital tuner mandate – 100% of televisions between 25 and 36 inches must contain a digital tuner Cable set-top box integration ban effective FCC Replication/Maximization Deadline: Use-it-or-lose-it deadline all other stations

After August 2006	FCC to issue Notice of Proposed Rulemaking re: Final DTV Table of Allotments subject
December 31, 2006	Target date for end of transition set in 1996 (with 85% proviso)
July 1, 2007	Digital tuner mandate – 100% of televisions 13-24 inches and 100% of other devices that receive television signals must contain a digital tuner
	Deadline for phase-out of integrated set-top boxes